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## Mayor, City Manager to Converse on State of City

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and City Manager Rob DiSpirito will talk about the state of the City of Rockville, Wednesday, Sept. 13, in an event hosted by the Rockville Chamber of Commerce.

The conversation will be held 8-10 a.m. at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive. The audience will be invited to ask the mayor and city manager questions.

For more information, call the Rockville Chamber of Commerce at 301-424-9300, email Amy Laczek at [amy@rockvillechamber.org](mailto:amy@rockvillechamber.org), or visit [www.rockvillechamber.org](http://www.rockvillechamber.org).

The event is free and open to the public. A light breakfast will be served from 8-8:30 a.m. ✚

### IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** Chamber of Commerce hosting a conversation about the state of the city.

**WHEN:** 8-10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13

**WHERE:** F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville

*Free and open to the Rockville community.*

## Rockville to Celebrate 60 Years of Sisterly Bond with Pinneberg

*Oct. 7's Rocktobierfest Offers German-Themed Fun for Everyone*



Don your lederhosen and dirndls and get ready for beer, bands and a German-themed bash as the city's Rocktobierfest celebration comes to Rockville Town Center from noon-6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7.

The free festival, which will coincide with the visit of a delegation from Pinneberg, Germany to mark 60 years as Rockville's sister city, will feature a beer hall with beer from 7 Locks Brewing and Gordon Biersch, two stages of music, food, an artisan area and kids activities.



**Pinneberg Bürgermeisterin Urte Steinberg (left) and Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton.**

The Rockville German Band, the Alte Kumpel German Band and the German polka of Mike Surratt and The Continentals will provide a traditional German soundtrack for the festival, and the eclectic cover tunes by Vinyl Rhino, the funky pop rock of Driven to



**"Prost!" says RSCC Member Sigy Krauss (center) with two members of the German Band.**

Clarity and the pop and dance sounds of 3AM Tokyo will keep the party going.

The city is seeking vendors, especially of German-themed food and crafts. Interested

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**WHAT:** Celebrate 60 year of Rockville and Pinneberg's sister city relationship at Rocktobierfest.

**WHEN:** Noon-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7

**WHERE:** Rockville Town Center

vendors should contact Amanda Knox at [aknox@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:aknox@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8620.

The festival is within walking distance of the Rockville Metro

station. ✚



**A delegation from Rockville recently visited Pinneberg to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the sister city relationship.**

## City Hall and Other Rockville Facilities to Close for Labor Day

City Hall and the following city facilities will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day:

- Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers.
- Rockville Senior Center.
- Croydon Creek Nature Center.
- Glenview Mansion.
- F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will be open. For individual swim and fitness center facilities hours, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter).

Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will be suspended on Sept. 4 and made one day later than usual throughout the week, with Thursday collection occurring on Friday, Sept. 8. For more information on holiday collection schedules, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse) or call 240-314-8568.

Parking fees at city-owned meters will be free.

For more information, go to [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-5000. ✚

## Rockville to Study New Community Center

*Consultant to Determine Support for Facility*

Portions of the Rockville community will soon be surveyed to determine if they support a new community recreation center. The location that is most closely being considered is within Potomac Woods Park.

The city has contracted a consultant to design, develop and administer the survey. More community input will be sought through public meetings. Once

the results are tallied, the consultant will prepare a report for the Mayor and Council. The input will be analyzed to determine the level of support for a new recreation facility.

Additionally, the report will identify what amenities, such as meeting and rental space, a gym and fitness equipment, are wanted at the new center.

Funding for the consultant's

study and public outreach was included in the Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Improvements Program budget, available to view at [www.rockvillemd.gov/budget](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget). The CIP is Rockville's five-year plan for capital investment.

There are three community centers throughout Rockville: Lincoln Park Community Center, at 357 Frederick Ave.; Twinbrook

Community Recreation Center, at 12920 Twinbrook Parkway; and Thomas Farm Community Center, at 700 Fallsgrrove Road.

For more on the study, contact Superintendent of Parks and Facilities Steve Mader at [smader@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:smader@rockvillemd.gov). Learn more about Rockville's centers and facilities at [www.rockvillemd.gov/centers-facilities](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/centers-facilities). ✚

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All Ages Welcome at  
First Responders Day Event

Fire trucks and police cars will be out at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, Saturday, Sept. 23 for Local First Responders Community Day.

All ages are invited to the event, which runs from 10 a.m.-noon. Members of the Rockville City Police Department and others will be available to talk about public safety and hand out information on drug awareness, bullying and crime prevention, as well as emergency preparedness. September is National Preparedness Month.

For more on the RCPD, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/police](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/police). Twinbrook Community Center is located at 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

Open House will Welcome Ideas for  
New Skate Park

Plans for a new, 15,000-square-foot concrete skate park, to replace the one at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, are up for discussion at an open house, 5-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22.

The open house will be held at the swim center, 355 Martins Lane. Attendees will have the chance to discuss what features they'd like to see in the new skate park. Once plans are complete, the new facility will take 18-24 months to complete. The original skate park next to Welsh Park, opened in 2001.

For more details on the current skate park, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/skatepark](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/skatepark). For information on the open house, contact Superintendent of Recreation Andy Lett at [alett@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:alett@rockvillemd.gov), or 240-314-8627.



Rockville Launches 'Flags  
Over Rockville' Map

**Mobile-friendly App Details Locations**

Earlier this year, Rockville raised more than 190 flags of United Nations countries across Rockville Town Center in an international display. Now, Rockville's residents and visitors can find each flag's location easily with a handy, mobile-friendly online map.

The "Flags Over Rockville Webapp" map is searchable by flag or country name. The map was created in response to feedback from the public, who wanted to know where each flag was flying.

The idea for the flags came from a town hall, held Feb. 9, to discuss diversity. Community members suggested that a display of flags would colorfully and recognizably represent Rockville's international appeal. More than a third of the city's residents were born outside the U.S., according to Census data.

Try the Flags Over Rockville Webapp at <http://bit.ly/flagmapRKV>. For more GIS maps of Rockville, including mobile-friendly historic walking tours, bicycle routes, address and residency check, leaf collection and recycling and refuse pickup, visit <http://rockvillemd.maps.arcgis.com>.

Mayor and Council to Proclaim  
Sept. 11 'Day of Remembrance'  
September to be Declared National  
Preparedness Month

Sixteen years on, the world still feels ramifications from the terrorist attacks of 9/11. At their public meeting on Monday, Sept. 11, Rockville's Mayor and Council will mark that tragic day with a proclamation declaring it a Day of Remembrance.

The proclamation will urge "all citizens to come together to offer our deep condolences to those lost on September 11, 2001, and to their families and friends who continue to mourn their loss."

Eleven Montgomery County residents who lost their lives on that day are remembered at a 9/11 memorial park at Courthouse Square in Rockville's downtown: William Edward Caswell, Dr. Gerald Paul Fisher, Capt. Lawrence D. Getzfred,

Michele M. Heidenberger, Angela Marie Houtz, Teddington Hamm Moy, Lt. Darin H. Pontell, Scott A. Powell, Todd Hayes Reuben, Patricia J. Statz and Ernest M. Willcher.

The Mayor and Council will also encourage more awareness of disaster preparation at their Sept. 11 meeting, proclaiming September to be National Preparedness Month. The month's theme is "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can."

To learn how to prepare for an emergency, visit [www.rockvillemd.com/police](http://www.rockvillemd.com/police), and select "Emergency Preparedness" in the left-hand menu. To learn more about National Preparedness Month, visit [www.ready.gov/september](http://www.ready.gov/september). +

Rehab Work Begins on  
Water Tank on Lockett Street  
Hunting Hill Tank Back in Use

Work to rehabilitate a city water storage tank on Lockett Street, across from Beall Elementary School, has begun.

Neighbors will hear noise from the process that removes existing paint. Work hours will be 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Work may be on weekends, if necessary, to make up days lost due to inclement weather.

A containment system will be erected outside the tank to protect surrounding property from dust and debris during painting. Work is expected to take three months to complete, weather permitting.

The city's contractor, Horizon Brothers Painting Corporation, completed painting at the Hunting Hill water storage tank, at 13890 Glen Mill Road, near Lakewood Country Club, in late July. The tank was returned to service Aug. 11, though some external work remains. Construction equipment will remain on-site through completion of work on both tanks.

Rehabilitation of the



Before



After

city's water tanks will significantly extend their lives, maintaining safety and reliability of the water system and resulting in long-term cost savings for city taxpayers.

For more information, or to discuss steps the city is taking to minimize neighborhood impacts, contact project manager Ilene Lish at [ilish@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:ilish@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8516. +

IT Keeps City Staff Connected

When city staff experiences difficulties with technology, there is one place they turn: The Information Technology End-User Support Team, also known as technology support.

The team is part of the Department of Information Technology, which manages the city's voice, data and geographical information systems and networks, and provides technology support services to all city departments. Or, as City Manager Rob DiSpirito put it when he recognized the team during the April 24 Mayor and Council meeting, they "respond all day to cries for help from staff in every department and facility across the city organization."

The department's initiatives have made it more convenient, fast and reliable for community members to communicate and do business with their city government. Projects in the past year have included implementing a new legislative management system for publishing meeting agendas and minutes, a new GIS open data website, completion of an overhaul of the city's institutional network, upgrades to the Rockville City Police Department's dispatch communication center and creation of a disaster recovery hot site, which allows the city to continue providing services in the event of an emergency.

Meanwhile, the End-User Support team "contributes quietly in the background to making the city government function more efficiently and effectively," DiSpirito said.

Find video of DiSpirito's recognition of the team as part of his City Manager's Report: Select the television icon next to the April 24 Mayor and Council meeting listing at [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter).

Learn more about the Information Technology Department at [www.rockvillemd.gov/IT](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/IT). +

Looking Forward to the  
Future for Historic Plan

At more than three decades old, the existing Historic Resources Management Plan is almost a piece of history itself — the document is type-written. Now, the 21st century future of Rockville's history will be up for discussion in October, as the city moves forward on updating that 30-year-old plan, which outlines how Rockville's historic buildings and areas are managed.

Members of the public are invited to share their thoughts and ideas on preservation, and what buildings and places in Rockville are important to them, at a meeting conducted by city staff and consultant firm JMT. The discussion of updates to the Historic Resources Management Plan will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, at Rockville City Hall.

The '86 plan (see [www.rockvillemd.gov/HRMP86](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/HRMP86)) was written at a time when resources had to

**IF YOU GO**

**WHAT:** Discuss updating HRM Plan

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Oct. 3, 7-8:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., in the Mayor and Council chambers.

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LGBTQ Community  
Police Academy

Sponsored by the Rockville City Police Department

**Elwood Smith Community Center**  
601 Harrington Road, Rockville, MD 20850

**Saturday, Sept. 16**  
**9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

To register, contact: Sgt. Jan Seilhamer at [jseilhamer@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jseilhamer@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8978.

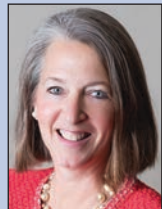


**REPORTING HATE CRIMES IS IMPORTANT ...** The City of Rockville and the Rockville City Police Department take hate crimes seriously. If you've been verbally or physically assaulted or harassed because of your race or religion or have seen postings by hate groups, you should call RCPD at 240-314-8900. (In an emergency, dial 911.) An officer will file a report and police will investigate. Learn more about Rockville's efforts to make our diverse city safe and inclusive for all at [www.rockvillemd.gov/diversitytownhall](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/diversitytownhall).



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**Upcoming Meetings: Monday, Sept. 11, 18 at 7 p.m. Work Session: Monday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.**

Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. No appointment necessary. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg on Sept. 11.

### Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11. Meetings are also available via live streaming, and on demand the day after the meeting, at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11).
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Find the drop-in schedule at [www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil).
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and to those who are speaking on an agenda item.
- **Send an email** to [mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov).

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## Mayor and Council to Start Regular Work Sessions

Rockville's Mayor and Council will include monthly work sessions in their meeting schedule, beginning on Sept. 25.

"The goal is to set aside time regularly for the Mayor and Council to dive into policy discussions that may not get adequate time and focus during a regular meeting," City Manager Rob DiSpirito said in a staff memo.

City staff members will prepare material to support the Mayor and Council's discussions, and be available at the sessions for questions. Guests with expertise or involvement in the discussion topic will be invited to participate. The work sessions will be broadcast on Rockville's channel 11 and at [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov).

Work session topics may include the Fiscal Year 2019 budget process, workforce housing, and homelessness.

DiSpirito has suggested designating the last Monday of each month as a work session night, with meetings beginning at 7 p.m. Community Forum will not be held on work session nights. For future work session dates and discussion topics, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter). ❖

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[www.youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville)

## Mayor Elected to Key Leadership Role with Maryland Municipal League

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton will serve as president-elect of the Maryland Municipal League, a statewide organization that represents and advocates at the state level on behalf of Maryland's 157 towns and cities.

Newton was elected to the position at MML's annual summer conference, held June 25-28 in Ocean City.

"I'm humbled to represent municipalities across our great state," Newton said. "This is a wonderful opportunity for the City of Rockville to champion local government in Maryland."

The yearlong stint as president-elect precedes Newton's term as the organization's president, which begins in June 2018. The president-elect sits on the league's five-member executive committee. In the absence of the president, the president-elect presides over meetings of the MML board and the executive committee.

Newton will be the sixth president from Rockville to head the organization since its founding in 1936. The last MML president from Rockville, Councilmember John Tyner II, served from 1983-84.

Newton was elected to the MML Board of Directors in 2012 and named chair of the organization's legislative committee after a year as vice chair. MML is governed by a 31-member board of directors comprised of elected and appointed officials from throughout the state. Newton served as president of the Montgomery Chapter



**Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton**

of MML from November 2012 through June 2015.

Newton was elected as a Rockville councilmember in 2009 and as mayor in 2013. As mayor, Newton serves as the council liaison to the Recreation and Park Advisory Board, Rockville Economic Development, Inc. and Rockville Seniors, Inc. Newton is a member of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Board of Directors. In December, she was unanimously elected chair of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board.

Newton recently discussed her state and regional leadership roles with Rockville 11. Find the interview at [www.youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville). Search "Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton."

For more on the Maryland Municipal League, visit [www.mdmunicipal.org](http://www.mdmunicipal.org). ❖

## Rockville Improves ADA Access in City Facilities

*City Shows Progress on Projects Identified in Accessibility Audit*

Accessible parking, bathrooms, elevators and athletic facilities are just some of the improvements Rockville is making at city parks and facilities, with the goal of accessibility for all.

Last year, Recreation Accessibility Consultants, LLC presented the Mayor and Council with a plan for updating city parks and facilities for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Accessibility projects completed at more than 20 parks and facilities are:

- An accessible route to the first floor of City Hall.
- Sixteen ADA-compliant spaces in the parking lot at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and Social Hall, which also added an accessible hallway leading to the elevator to access both floors of the facility. Additional ADA-compliant assistive listening devices were purchased for theater patrons.
- Connecting and filling gaps between pathways and athletic court entryways.
- Decreasing the pounds of pressure it takes to open exterior doors.
- Rebuilt parking spaces at Dogwood, Hillcrest and Woodley Gardens parks, the Pump House, Twinbrook Community Recreation Center and the Rockville Senior Center.
- Building an ADA-compliant path to the bocce ball court at the senior center.
- Revising and repositioning accessible parking signs.

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**STAY INFORMED:** The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at [www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil). Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting. Sign up at [www.rockvillemd.gov/notifyme](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/notifyme) to receive an email or text message when a new agenda is posted.

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- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to [cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov) or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission. (Learn more below.) Find other ways to give your time and talents to your community at [www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer).

### Boards and Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280, or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at [www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions). The webpage also includes schedules and cancellations, and contact information.

Note: Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

- **Sept. 6**, Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 7**, Environment Commission 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 7, 12** Board of Supervisors of Elections 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28**, Development Review Committee 9 a.m.
- **Sept. 9**, Board of Appeals Meeting 9 a.m.\*
- **Sept. 12**, Human Services Advisory Commission 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 13**, Cultural Arts Commission 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 13, 27**, Planning Commission 7 p.m.\*
- **Sept. 19**, Rockville Seniors, Inc. 1 p.m. Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Drive
- **Sept. 20**, Rockville Sister City Corporation 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 21**, Senior Citizens Commission 1 p.m. Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Drive
- **Sept. 27**, Human Rights Commission 7:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 27**, Rockville Housing Enterprises 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 28**, Historic District Commission 7 p.m.

\*Televised on Rockville 11.

### Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Board of Supervisors of Elections (1)
- Ethics Commission (1)
- Financial Advisory Board (1)
- Historic District Commission (2 reg./1 alt.)
- Planning Commission (2)
- Recreation and Parks Advisory Board (3)
- Rockville Housing Enterprises (1)
- Senior Citizens Commission (1)
- Sign Review Board (1 alt.)



## Rockville Pike Neighborhood Plan Zoning Text Amendment Moving Forward

Rockville's Mayor and Council have authorized zoning text and map amendments to implement some of the policies of the Rockville Pike Neighborhood Plan adopted in August 2016.

The amendments include zoning changes for some properties in the Rockville Pike corridor south of Town Center.

The Planning Commission will review the draft amendments at their Sept. 13 meeting. A public hearing before the Mayor and Council is scheduled for Oct. 16, at City Hall. A staff report with the drafts will be available for public review at [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter) the week before the hearing.

## September Stonestreet Study Meeting will Focus on Street Improvements

The next community meeting on the Stonestreet Corridor Study, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, will focus on potential street improvements on North Stonestreet Avenue and on Park Road near the Metro station, between its intersections with North Stonestreet and South Stonestreet avenues.

City planning and transportation staff will present options for the community to consider. The meeting will be held at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave. Community members are invited to attend.

This will be the third community meeting for the corridor study, which began with a May 2 project kickoff. Community members met July 13 at a second meeting to focus on Montgomery County Public Schools sites located on North Stonestreet. Staff from MCPS discussed operations at those properties and took questions from the audience. Attendees discussed possible alternative land uses in that area, should MCPS relocate.

For meeting materials, as well as to sign up for email updates or submit comments, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/stonestreetstudy](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/stonestreetstudy). For more information, contact project lead Andrea Gilles at [agilles@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:agilles@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8273.

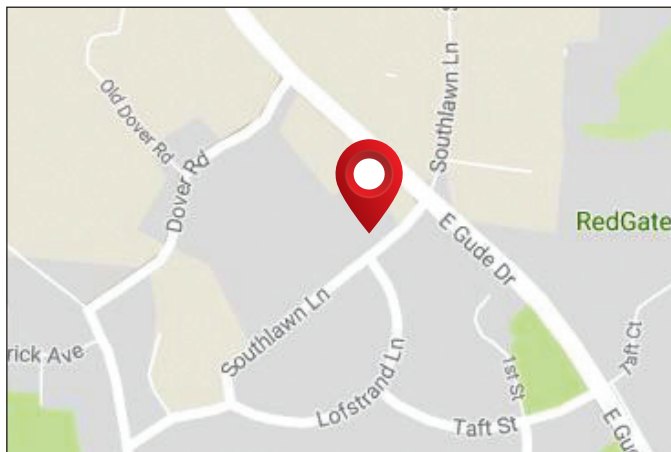
## #CityHallSelfie Day

City Halls throughout the country (and the rest of the world) took part in the annual #CityHallSelfie day, Tuesday, Aug. 15. Here are a few of the City of Rockville's contributions!

Top: Even Councilmember Virginia D. Onley got in on the action. Middle: Your Rockville 11 team. Bottom: Communication Division members ham it up.



See the day's winners at [elgl.org/2017/08/18/2017-cityhallselfie-award-winners](http://elgl.org/2017/08/18/2017-cityhallselfie-award-winners).



The sidewalk would connect East Gude Drive and the eastern leg of Lofstrand Lane.

## City Prepares Plans for Southlawn Lane Sidewalk

A proposed sidewalk project would provide the only pedestrian connection on either side of Southlawn Lane between East Gude Drive and the eastern leg of Lofstrand Lane.

The project, which is part of the city's Capital Improvements Program, seeks to increase pedestrian safety and accessibility to businesses along the road. It includes sidewalk, stormwater management facilities, curb and gutter, pavement repairs and storm drain upgrades.

A design consultant has prepared concept plans showing the alignment of the proposed sidewalk.

City staff held a community meeting Aug. 2 at Lincoln Park Community Center to present the plans and explain the project's benefits and impacts.

Staff is working with the consultant to finalize construction plans, based on input received during the community meeting. The final plans will be used to bid the project for construction. Construction is anticipated to occur in spring 2018.

For more information, contact project manager Gregory Lyons at 240-314-8506 or [glyons@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:glyons@rockvillemd.gov).

## What Would Your Community Do with \$1,000?

Rockville neighborhoods could receive up to \$1,000 in a matching grant for projects promoting community involvement.

Applications are being accepted through Thursday, Oct. 19 for Rockville's Organizing Communities and Neighborhoods (ROC-N) Matching Grant Program. The program is designed to support and empower neighborhood associations and encourage participation by community members. Projects must address one or more of the following:

- Neighborhood outreach and organizing.
- Social events aimed at fostering community pride.
- Neighborhood crime prevention.
- Neighborhood preservation.
- The acquisition of technology or supplies to support an existing community program.

- Neighborhood planning.

Qualified neighborhood organizations, including PTAs, could receive up to \$1,000 and must provide a cash or in-kind match equal to or greater than the grant amount requested. Applications are accepted twice a year, in April and October. Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Funding is limited.

Projects are evaluated based on the neighborhood's ability to provide a funding match, the level of community involvement, project readiness and the tangible neighborhood benefit. Projects are evaluated and selected for funding by a committee of City of Rockville staff.

Find more information and applications at [www.rockvillemd.gov/ROC-NGrant](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/ROC-NGrant) or call 240-314-8340.

## On the Agenda: Hearings On Alcohol Production, Ingleside Financing and APFS

The Mayor and Council will hold public hearings in September on the city's Adequate Public Facilities Standards, on zoning for alcoholic beverage production and on city financing for expansion at a retirement community.

A zoning ordinance amendment to allow breweries and distilleries in Rockville will be the subject of a hearing during the Sept. 11 Mayor and Council meeting. The amendment, which the Mayor and Council discussed July 10, would allow full production of alcoholic beverages in light and heavy industrial zones, and in the mixed-use employment zone. Limited production, such as microbreweries and pub breweries, could also take place in mixed-use business, mixed-use transit district, mixed-use corridor district and mixed-use employment zones.

Proposed changes to Rockville's Adequate Public Facilities Standards will be the subject of a hearing during the Sept. 18 Mayor and Council meeting. Standards for traffic and transportation, school capacity, fire and emergency services response, and water and sewer capacity, ensure that sufficient infrastructure is available to serve new development in Rockville. The changes would alter stan-

dards for school capacity and fire and emergency services response. A revision to the school capacity test would bring the city's APFS standards in line with the county's recently adopted changes. Another revision would delete the fire and emergency services standard, as the city does not have jurisdiction over fire and emergency services. View the full APFS with proposed revisions at <http://md-rockville.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/19887>.

A hearing will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 7 on a Mayor and Council proposal to issue Economic Development Revenue Bonds on behalf of Ingleside at King Farm. The nonprofit retirement community would use the bond sale proceeds to refinance outstanding debt and begin construction of additional residential units and facilities. The city would issue up to \$260 million in new bonds. These bonds would have no impact on the city's financial health, and the city has no obligation to repay the bonds. The city's support would allow Ingleside to expand services for seniors in Rockville.

All hearings will be held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. Learn more as the meeting agendas are posted at [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter).

## Recycling Reminder: No Plastic Bags, No Dirty Containers

Many items can be recycled by depositing them in Rockville's single-stream recycling bins.

But, there are items that cannot be accepted for recycling, including plastic bags and materials bundled into plastic bags, garden hoses, yard debris, food waste and food-contaminated materials, and medical waste. Such items contaminate recyclable material, could damage processing equipment, and pose safety hazards to workers sorting recyclables.

Be sure to rinse food and beverage containers before placing them in the recycling cart. Materials that cannot be recycled should be placed in refuse bins. As an alternative, some stores offer plastic bag collection bins near their entrances. Find locations that accept bags for recycling at <http://bit.ly/bagrecycling>.

Learn more about the city's recycling and refuse program at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse).



**BUILDING A GREAT COMMUNITY TOGETHER ...** The City Manager's Office works closely with the Mayor and Council to ensure Rockville continues to be a great place to live and work. To learn more about the office's mission, including managing the city's daily operations and efforts toward furthering Mayor and Council priorities of open government, diversity and inclusion, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/citymanager](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/citymanager).



# New Mark Commons Accepted to National Historic Registry

New Mark Commons, a 65-acre Rockville subdivision that began development in 1967, has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The subdivision was conceived by Edmund J. Bennett, a Montgomery County native whose firm received over 35 national and local awards for innovative architectural techniques, building design and site planning. New Mark Commons was his first Planned Unit Development (PUD), intended to take advantage of Rockville's Planned Residential Unit (PRU) ordinance, adopted in 1964. Carderock Springs in Potomac, Bennett's other major PUD, was granted National Register status in 2009.

Bennett's death in March 2013 revived interest in his contribution to mid-century modern communities. The New Mark Commons Homes Association Board of Directors began discussing the National Register application that same year.

According to the application: New Mark Commons, innovative in its time for combining clustered and free-standing houses within a rolling, wooded landscape, illustrated Bennett's desire to "curb the evolution of the Maryland suburbs."

The City of Rockville's Historic District Commission was required to review, and make a recommendation on, the nomination to the Maryland Historical Trust Review Board. With support from the HDC and the Mayor and Council, the application was shepherded through the federal and state process and approved.

New Mark Commons subdivision is bounded by Maryland Avenue to the northwest, Argyle Street to the northeast, Monroe Street at the southeast and the Markwood subdivision to the southwest. Inclusion in the National Register

is honorary and places no limitations on architectural changes to the community. However, a listing in the National Register can help properties qualify for certain types of historic preservation grant programs.

For more on the National

Register of Historic Places, visit [www.nps.gov/nr](http://www.nps.gov/nr). To learn more about Rockville's historic preservation efforts, see [www.rockvillemd.gov/historic](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/historic).



The boundaries to the New Mark Commons community are marked in black, outlined above.

## Historic Plan Future

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be at least 50 years old to be considered historic. The updated HRMP will be a living document that can be updated as required, and incorporates a narrative describing periods of Rockville's development, lists of resources and methods of protection, and the implications for various stakeholders, such as the Mayor and Council, the Planning Commission, the Historic District Commission, Peerless Rockville, historic property owners and the public.

The plan will include a comprehensive database of frequently updated historic resources and will also feature a 10-year action plan, with detailed priorities and implementation steps for historic preservation in the future.

For more information on the Historic Resources Management Plan update, contact Preservation Planner Sheila Bashiri at 240-314-8236, or [sbashiri@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:sbashiri@rockvillemd.gov).



**'PLASTIC BAG MONSTER' ... Evan Cohen encouraged the use of reusable bags instead of single-use plastic bags as part of an environmental advocacy pitch during the Croydon Creek Nature Center's Nature Service Learning Camp. Campers spent a week in August earning Student Service Learning hours by participating in eco-friendly volunteer projects, including advocacy for environmental issues. They then practiced their pitches in presentations to city employees. Meanwhile, students in the city's Summer Civic Leadership program learned about energy use and government efforts toward energy efficiency and green building, and conducted an audit of City Hall to identify energy waste. See the campers in action at [www.youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville). Search "Teen Energy Walk" and "Nature."**

## ADA Facility Access

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- Adding an accessible pathway to the renovated basketball courts at Calvin Park.
- Improvements to the kitchenette at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.
- Installing ADA-compliant playgrounds and paths at Dogwood and Orchard Ridge parks.

City staff also completed training on how to better serve people with disabilities and create greater accessibility to city recreation and parks programs and facilities.

To read the ADA Access Audit and Transition Plan visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/documentcenter/view/15223](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/documentcenter/view/15223).

For more information about the plan, contact Christine Henry at 240-314-8603 or [chenry@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:chenry@rockvillemd.gov).

## Laying the Foundation for the Future

Emergency Assistance and Counseling Programs Offer Help to City Residents

Rockville's Community Services Division offers services to help individuals build better futures for themselves and, by extension, their community.

The Rockville Emergency Assistance Program offers help to Rockville residents experiencing a financial crisis such as eviction or utility shut-off, or who need prescription medication. Referrals for emergency food, clothing, financial counseling, housing assistance and foreclosure counseling are also available.

Individuals must first apply for assistance from the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, at 1301 Piccard Drive. Call 240-777-4550 for the county office. If DHHS cannot provide the full amount needed, it will issue a referral form for a REAP application.

In addition, Community Services Division staff offers free, confidential, early intervention and prevention counseling for school-age children, youth and families. Counseling is available by appointment and is conducted by licensed professional counselors or masters-level clinical interns under the supervision of a professional counselor. Individual and family counseling is available to eligible city residents who lack health insurance or are unable to access counseling on their own. Group counseling may be available for anger management, social skills, transition to middle or high school and other topics.

Learn more about these programs by calling 240-314-8310. Learn more about REAP at [www.rockvillemd.gov/REAP](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/REAP) and about the city's free counseling services at [www.rockvillemd.gov/communityservices/youth](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/communityservices/youth).

## Nominate a Neighbor for a Human Rights Awards

Winners to be Honored at the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

The city's Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for two awards to be presented at Rockville's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration on Monday, Jan. 15.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award will be presented to a student at a Rockville high school who has worked to fulfill King's dream in either their school or the community.

The F. Michael Taff Award will be presented to an individual, organization or business that has helped to improve the lives of people with disabilities, such as through efforts to improve accessibility or raise public awareness. It is named in honor of the late F. Michael Taff, a dedicated human rights activist and former chair of the Human Rights Commission.

Find and submit nomination forms at [www.rockvillemd.gov/mlk](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/mlk). The submission deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 15.

For more information about the awards or the celebration, contact Janet Kelly at 240-314-8316 or [jkelly@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jkelly@rockvillemd.gov). For information about accessibility, call the city's Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator at 240-314-8108.



2016 Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award winner Julian M. Avenilla (right), with Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton.



**CITY HALL IN YOUR 'HOOD!:** There aren't too many doctors who make house calls anymore. But Rockville's Mayor and Council and city staff will bring City Hall to your community with a walking town meeting. Walking town meetings offer a casual environment for city leaders and staff to meet community members where they live and see and discuss firsthand the issues facing a neighborhood. See what it's all about in a Rockville 11 video and learn how to bring a walking town meeting to your community at [www.rockvillemd.gov/walkingtownmeeting](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/walkingtownmeeting).



## Senior Center Offers ESOL Classes

The Rockville Senior Center presents English for Speakers of Other Languages classes for seniors age 60 and older this fall.

Classes include reading, speaking, listening and pronunciation for seniors whose first language is not English, and are offered as follows:

- English 1 – Beginner, from 10 a.m.-noon Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 11-Nov. 15.
- English 2 – High Beginner, from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 12-Nov. 16.
- English 3 – Intermediate, from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 12-Nov. 16.
- English 4 – Advanced, from 10 a.m.-noon Mondays and Wednesday, Sept. 11-Nov. 15.

New students must meet with program coordinator Aroke Alakoye before registering, so that their skill level can be assessed. They may choose one of the following assessment times: Between 10 a.m. and noon Monday, Aug. 28; Tuesday, Aug. 29; Wednesday, Sept. 6; or Thursday, Sept. 7; or between 9:30 a.m. and noon on Sept. 11, Sept. 12 or Sept. 13.

Learn more, including how to register, on page 6 of the fall "Adults 60+ Recreation and Services Guide" at [www.rockvillemd.gov/life](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/life).

Additional English conversation classes will give beginner, intermediate and advanced students practice speaking more confidently about everyday topics, on Tuesdays, Sept. 12-Nov. 14. Beginner students must also register for one of the English classes listed above.

For more information, email Aroke Alakoye at [alakoye@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:alakoye@rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-8810.

## Rockville Recognized as Leader in Health

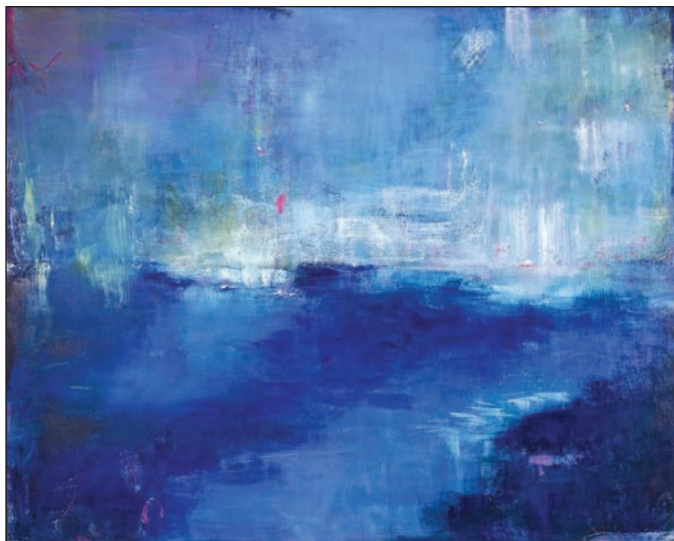
The City of Rockville has been recognized for its commitment to healthy eating and active living by the Institute for Public Health and Innovation.

Rockville received platinum Healthy Eating Active Living recognition, the highest achievement awarded by the institute for its HEAL Cities and Towns Campaign, which, according to the IPHI's website, "provides free technical assistance to local government leaders to help them create healthy, prosperous communities by adopting policies and practices that improve their communities' physical activity and food environments."

Rockville received the award at the Maryland Municipal League's summer conference, where 16 towns and cities were recognized by the HEAL program. Only Rockville, Gaithersburg and Edmonston achieved platinum HEAL status. To reach the platinum level, towns and cities must "provide evidence that their healthy eating and active living work reaches across government departments and is being evaluated and monitored," a press release from IPHI states.

The goals that lead to recognition as a HEAL town or city include the adoption of bicycle and pedestrian master plans that promote bicycling and walking; the support and promotion of farmers markets and community gardens; and the implementation of creative workplace wellness policies and programs.

## Connect with us on Social Media.



Abstract painting by Donna McGee.

## Annual National Pastel Show to Exhibit at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery

The Maryland Pastel Society will present its Annual National Pastel Juried Show, beginning Oct. 15 at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.

Desmond O'Hagan, a master pastel artist with the Pastel Society of America and a member of the "Master's Circle" of the International Association of Pastel Societies, will be juror and judge.

The show's opening reception will be held at the Glenview Mansion from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 15, with guitarist Guy Robert Jean singing French, Spanish, Creole and English ballads. The exhibition will run through Nov. 17.

### Woodwork and an Artful Movie

Artful Tuesdays at the mansion begin Sept. 12. At 7 p.m., see a free and open-to-all demonstration and introduction to wood-working by members of the Woodworkers Club of Rockville.

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10, Wine and Film in the Conservatory will screen "S raphine," a French/Belgian film with English

subtitles that tells the story of a simple cleaning lady, drawn to the beauty of nature, who starts painting brilliantly colorful canvases at the age of 41. This event features a cash bar and is open to those 21 and older.

### Still on Exhibit

Continuing through Oct. 6 is Chet Stein's nature photography, the mixed-media paintings of Tinam Valk, large abstract paintings by Donna McGee and Xiaosheng Bi's nature-inspired porcelain vessels.

### Sing, Sing a Song

More than 50 voices unite to form the Rockville Chorus, and now's your chance to be one of them. The chorus will hold auditions on Monday, Sept. 11. Contact Julie Farrell at [jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov) or by calling 240-314-8660 to schedule an audition slot.

These events are free and open to the public. No tickets or reservations are required. For more information, email Julie at [jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov) or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/glenviewgallery](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/glenviewgallery). ✦

## Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundations



A 501(c)3 organization established to:

- Improve recreational activities, programs, parks and facilities
- Support the Rockville Youth Recreation Fund
- Assist with fundraising, the acquisition and maintenance of new parks and open space
- Purchase equipment and other amenities for the City's parks and facilities.



Please send your tax deductible gift to:  
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## F. Scott Theatre is Back with Magic Lamps and Love in the Air

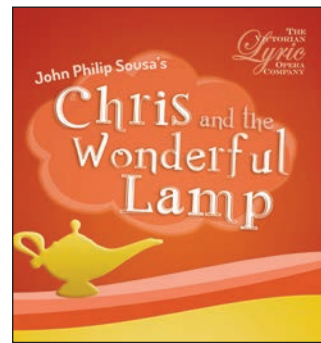
The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre has reopened after installation of new house bar lights and roof-beam reinforcement.

The Victorian Lyric Opera Company will hold three performances of "Chris and the Wonderful Lamp." A four-act operetta by John Philip Sousa, it tells the story of a young man who buys Aladdin's lamp at an auction and employs the genie to help him see his love, Fanny, who is sequestered in a school for girls.

Performances are 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 8 and Saturday, Sept. 9; and 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 10. Tickets are \$28 for adults, \$24 for seniors and \$20 for students.

Rockville Little Theatre will perform "Almost, Maine," a tale about a mythical New England town where love is in the winter air, coming and going in strange, unexpected and hilarious ways.

Performances are 8 p.m., Sept. 22, 23, 29 and 30, with a 2 p.m. matinee Sept. 24 and Oct. 1. Tickets are \$22,



\$20; for students and seniors 62 and older.

The Wine and Improv Series continues in its new Friday night slot at 7 p.m., Sept. 15. Led by a theater professional, dive into the world of improv theater — no experience needed. Enjoy a glass or two of wine and an evening of laughs. Must be 21 to take part. Tickets: \$35/person; \$60/couple, which includes one drink ticket; additional wine and beer are for sale. ID required, and you must be 21 or older to attend. Held at the Glenview Mansion cottage.

Tickets for upcoming performances can be purchased at [www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre). ✦



## Doggie Dip Day Returns to Swim Center

### Let Your Pooch Paddle in the Pool

Fidos and Fidesses can go in for a swim this month at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's recreation pool at 2017's Doggie Dip Day!

For only \$5 per pooch, your fur baby will be able to splash around at one of the city's most-loved events. Humans can enter for free, but won't be allowed in the water due to health and safety reasons. Proof of a current rabies vaccination (either a certificate of vaccination or veterinarian's letter) is required for entry (for your dog, not you). Dogs without won't be

allowed to enter.

This year, donations will be collected for Rockville's Youth Recreation Fund and the Humane Society. Vendors of dog-related products will be at the event, selling merchandise and providing information.

Doggie Dip Day will be held rain or shine, noon-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9, at Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane. For more information, or to find out how to be a vendor email [swimcenter@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:swimcenter@rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-8750. ✦



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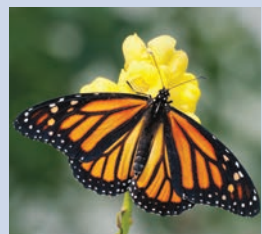
# September

## FACILITIES LEGEND:

- CC** Croydon Creek Nature Ctr., 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.  
**GM** Glenview Mansion 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.  
**FSF** F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8690.  
**LP** Lincoln Park Community Ctr., 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.  
**CH** Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.  
**SR** Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.  
**SFC** Rockville Swim and Fitness Ctr., 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.  
**TF** Thomas Farm Community Ctr., 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.  
**TC** Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Ctr., 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.



**17** Carl Henn Annual Memorial Ride. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/RBAC](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/RBAC) for more information on future rides. Begins at Thomas Farm Community Center. 10 a.m. **TF**



**24** Outdoor Science Club: Pollinators. Young scientists explore the world of pollinators through hands-on activities and outdoor exploration. Ages 6-8. Register for course #1151; \$8R/\$10NR. **CC**



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find the current recreation guide at [www.rockvillemd.gov/guide](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/guide). Sign up and search for courses, programs, classes and more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/register](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/register). Enter the course number listed on the calendar entry to see more details and register.



**4,18** Alzheimer's and Related Dementia Care Partners Support Group. A social gathering for people with memory loss and their care companions to come together in a safe, supportive environment. Call Pamela: 240-499-9024. Course #60018. Noon-1 p.m. **SR**



**11,18,25** Stress Reduction and Meditation. Learn the tools to focus, relax and be more peaceful. Course #1611. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

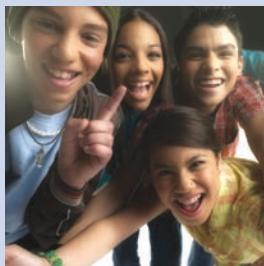


**11,18,25** Mayor and Council Meeting 7 p.m. Note: Mayor and Council Worksession on last Monday of every month (Sept. 25). **CH**



**11** Rockville Chorus Auditions. To schedule an audition time, email [jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-8682. **FSF**

**25** Books That Changed America: "Gone With the Wind." In this course, Professor Joan Adams discusses books selected by the Library of Congress. This classic 800-page romantic novel deals with human emotions during the Civil War and beyond. Course #1293. 10:15-11:15 a.m. **SR**



**5** Totally Teens After-school Program. Runs through Friday, Dec. 22. Promotes positive youth development through recreational activities and trips. Grades 6-10. 3:15-6:30 p.m. **TC**



**6** REALestate 2017. The ins and out of real estate. Course #60165. 10 a.m.-noon. **SR**

**13** Rockville Sister City Corporation Annual Meeting. 7 p.m. **GM**



**12** Medications and Their Complications. Course #60126, 1-2 p.m. **SR**

**12** Artful Tuesdays: Introduction to Woodcarving. Learn the types of tools, woods and techniques, and a little history in the mansion conservatory. Free; open to ages 21-plus. 7 p.m. **GM**

**26** Flu Shot Clinic. Members only. Bring Medicare insurance cards. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. **SR**

See page 1 for date and time and more information on Rocktoberfest.



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**Local First Responders Community Day**

**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
10 a.m. - noon

Come meet your local first responders. Police vehicles, fire truck and exhibits, and much more designed to teach the community about safety.

**Great for all ages – free event**  
**Twinbrook Community Rec. Center**

**7,12** Positive Aging Project — Group 1. Make new friends and learn something new. Course #1705. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

**14** Balance Dizziness and Falls. Free risk assessment after the program. Course #2246. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

**21** Adventure Day. Go on an adventure with the Thomas Farm Community Center staff. Grades K-5. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Course #2117. \$25R/\$30NR. **TC**

**28** Decluttering. Learn to deal with over-accumulating and how to begin decluttering. 10:30 a.m.-noon. **SR**



**28** A Better Body at Any Age. Strategies for older adults to become and stay active, no matter their physical limitations. Course #60260. 1-2 p.m. **SR**



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**8** Labor Day Picnic and Field Day at Rockville Senior Center. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. \$12MEM/\$15R/\$19NR. **SR**

**8** The Victorian Lyric Opera Company presents "Chris and The Wonderful Lamp" at 8 p.m. Tickets on Sept. 8 cost \$14. Other performances at 8 p.m. Sept. 9 and 2 p.m. Sept. 10 (tickets \$28 adults; \$24 seniors; \$20 students). A young man from Connecticut buys Aladdin's lamp and employs the genie to help him see his love, Fanny. By John Phillip Sousa. **FSF**



**15** Late-Night Basketball. Round-robin tournament with prizes for the winning team. Grades 9-12. 7-9:30 p.m. **TC**



**15** Wine and Improv. Dive into the world of improv theater. Enjoy a glass or two of wine and an evening of laughs. Must be 21 or older. 7-9:30 p.m. **GM**

**22** Rockville Little Theatre presents "Almost, Maine." 8 p.m. In a mythical New England town, love is in the winter air, coming and going in strange, unexpected, and hilarious ways. By John Cariani; directed by Kathryn Hegwood. Also at 8 p.m. Sept. 23, 29, 30; 2 p.m. Sept. 24. Tickets: \$22 adults; \$20 seniors and students. **FSF**



**2,9,16,23,30** Rockville Farmers Market. Your pick of farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, bedding plants, cut flowers, preserves, honey, herbs, baked goods and more. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Corner of Rt. 28 and Monroe St. in the jury parking lot.



**9** Doggie Dip Day. One of our most-loved events — the rare opportunity for your pooch to swim in our recreation pool. Requires proof of current rabies vaccination. Noon-4 p.m. \$5 fee. **SFC**

**9** Green Your Backyard Information Session. Learn about RainScapes Rewards and other city programs to help you green your backyard and reduce pollution in this free information session. To register, call the RainScapes coordinator at 240-314-8877 or email [rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov) with name and address. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**



**16** Celebrate Croydon Creek Nature Center's 15th Birthday. A live animal show, a hike and a birthday treat. Course #2121. 1:30-3 p.m. **CC**

**16** LGBTQ Community Police Academy. Geared specifically to Rockville's LGBTQ community members. To register, contact Sgt. Jan Seilhamer at [jseilhamer@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jseilhamer@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8978. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Elwood Smith Community Center, 601 Harrington Road.

**23** Local First Responders Community Day. Learn about safety. Police vehicles, fire trucks and exhibits. 10 a.m.-noon. Free. **TC**

**23** Nature Tots: Flying Friends. Find out about flying friends through station-based nature-play activities, circle time, a craft and a hike. Ages 2-5. Register for course #1028. \$8R/\$10NR. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

R = Residents • NR = Nonresidents • MEM = Member • NM = Nonmember

FOR MORE INFO AND UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTINGS: [WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR.ASPX](http://WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR.ASPX)



## Veterans and Military Members Wanted for City Ceremony

Rockville's Veterans Day ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 11, will include a member of the military as a featured speaker.

Rockville and Montgomery County residents who have retired from or currently serve in the United States military are eligible to take part in the ceremony.

Volunteer speakers must be comfortable speaking in public and must prepare a five- to seven-minute speech about their experiences in the armed forces, including what it means to serve and to honor those who have served.

Contact Amanda Knox at 240-314-8604 or [aknox@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:aknox@rockvillemd.gov) to participate or learn more.

Find video of past Veterans Day ceremonies at [www.youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville).

## Rockville Businesses Up for Honors in Women's Business Plan Competition

Two Rockville businesses are among 11 semifinalists in the Maryland Women's Business Center's StartRight! 2017 Business Plan Competition.

ESI Group, LLC provides legal services for electronic evidence discovery to solo attorneys and small law firms. Young Engineers Metro-DC, LLC teaches children age 6-10 the principles of science, technology, engineering and math, using motorized Lego bricks and other tools.

The statewide StartRight! competition encourages women entrepreneurs to write effective business plans that help position their companies for long-term growth. Now in its 14th year, the competition, which is open to businesses that are at least 51 percent women-owned and operating in good standing in Maryland for three years or less, includes counseling, pitch coaching, specialized workshops and other resources to support women as they develop solid business plans. Entrants vie for \$13,000 in prizes, with a top prize of \$5,000.

Winners will be announced at the Power Conference, a regional women's business development conference, on Thursday, Sept. 7 at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. Learn more at [www.thepowerconference.com](http://www.thepowerconference.com).

Voting has closed, but video pitches by the semifinalists can be found at <https://marylandwbc.org/startright-pick-the-pitch-2017>. Learn more about the StartRight! competition at <http://marylandwbc.org/our-programs/startright-business-plan-competition>.

# Rockville

## REWARDS



**give a little...  
save a lot!**

New cards available Aug. 1  
Kickoff day is Sept. 15

[www.rockvillerewards.com](http://www.rockvillerewards.com)

## King Farm Farmstead Renovation Begins

Construction has begun on the city's project to stabilize and restore the King Farm Farmstead dairy barns, at 1101 Grand Champion Drive.

This structural stabilization and renovation includes replacing the barns' roof, framework, windows, doors, dormers, siding and exterior and interior paint. The project furthers the Mayor and Council's priority initiative of stewardship of infrastructure. Details, including the project's budget, can be found on page 308 of the Fiscal Year 2018 Adopted Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program at [www.rockville.md.gov/budget](http://www.rockville.md.gov/budget).

The construction site was fenced off in late July. Construction vehicles are entering the site from Route 355 (Frederick Road) and Grand Champion Drive. The project will create con-



struction noise during construction hours, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Access to the community garden at King Farm Farmstead will not be affected. Construction is expected to be completed in one year.

Learn more about the project in a "Rock 11 Now Weekly" report at [www.youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville).

Search "Farmstead."

For questions about the project, contact Christine Henry, deputy director of Recreation and Parks, at [chenry@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:chenry@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8603.

For more information about the King Farm Farmstead, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/kingfarmfarmstead](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/kingfarmfarmstead). ❖

## Rockville's First Black Police Officer Laid to Rest

Richard Eugene "Gene" Dyson, the first African-American officer to serve in the Rockville City Police Department, has died. He was 81.

Dyson served with the department from July 1968 to March 1983.

Dyson was a U.S. Army vet-



Department. He was laid to rest on Friday, Aug. 18, at

eran, and a life member of the Rockville Volunteer Fire

The Catholic Cemeteries of Archdioceses of Washington, Inc., in Silver Spring. Members of the RCPD acted as police escort. Casket bearers were members of the RVFD.

To read Dyson's obituary, visit [www.snowdencares.com/obituaries.aspx](http://www.snowdencares.com/obituaries.aspx). ❖

## Cruisin' the Classics: Rev Up for October's Antique and Classic Car Show

### 56th Annual Show Offers Free, Family-Friendly Fun

Rockville's 56th annual Antique and Classic Car Show rolls into Rockville Civic Center Park from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14.

The free show – one of the oldest and the largest in the mid-Atlantic region – will feature more than 550 vehicles, a car-related flea market, a car sales area and a performance by The Hillbilly Gypsies. There will be a moon bounce at the rear of the park in the parking lot of Croydon Creek Nature Center, which will be open



to visitors.

The hills of Rockville Civic Center Park, home to the historic Glenview Mansion, at 603 Edmonston Drive, offer a picturesque fall setting for a stroll through a lineup of vehicles from 32 car clubs, from Packard to Plymouth to Ferrari.

The show is the premier

non-judged motor vehicle show in the region, offering the chance to share memories of classic cars of yesteryear.

Find Rockville 11 video features from past car shows at [www.youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville) and follow the Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show on Facebook.

Parking will be available at Rockville Civic Center Park, with overflow parking at Meadow Hall Elementary School, 951 Twinbrook Parkway. A courtesy shuttle

will run between the school and the show from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The rain date for this event is Saturday, Oct. 21. For inclement weather updates, please call 240-314-5022.

Car owners can register their vehicle until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 11. After that, owners must register on the day of the event. To show or sell a car at the show, host a flea market booth, or learn more, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/carshow](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/carshow), call 240-314-8620 or email [special\\_events@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:special_events@rockvillemd.gov). ❖



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## Questions, Concerns or Ideas?

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**BACK IN THE DAY:** Attentive "Rockville Reports" readers will have seen the July/August edition's news about renovations at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center. In September 1983, though, the "Rockville Municipal Swim Center" didn't even have an indoor pool. That was about to change. A front-page "Reports" photo shows a group of swimsuit-clad kids by a sign announcing the "future indoor pool addition." It was scheduled to open in March 1984.